

Amendments to the Drawings:

Please substitute amended Figs. 1-2 and add new Figs. 4-6 which are herewith attached.

Remarks

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

In response to the Examiner's comment that none of the figures show CMY signals as found in claims 7, 15 and 22, Figs. 4-6 have been added. Similarly, Figs. 1-2 have been amended to show a laser diode in response to the Examiner's comments about claims 19 and 26. The added Figs. 4-6 and the amendments to Figs. 1-2 necessitated amendments to the specification on pages 5-7 and 9.

In response to the Examiner's comment that the phrase, "said data-carrying signal," lacks an antecedent basis in claim 2, the claim has been amended, along with claim 3. In reviewing other claims, the applicant also found errors in claims 8, 9 and 28, all of which have been amended.

Claims 1 to 33 are subject to an election requirement. The applicant understands that the distinction between Species I) and Species II) is that the optical verification and data-carrying optical signals are combined in single fiber or sent in separate fibers. Accordingly, the applicant elects, with traverse, Species I) and claims 4, 10, 13-19 and 30, for prosecution on the merits.

The applicant believes that all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please contact the undersigned at (408) 868-4088.

Respectfully submitted,

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